

AMERICAN VESSEL IS UNDAMAGED

OIL STEAMER
IS REPORTED
SAFE IN PORT

American Ship Communi-
paw Thought to Have
Been Sunk by Sub.

COMPANY GETS CABLE

Standard Oil Offices in New
York Informed That Boat
Is at Alexandria, Egypt

London, Dec. 8, (12:47 p. m.)—A
telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, re-
ceived today by Lloyds, says that the
American steamship Communipaw, re-
ported sunk off the coast of Tripoli
by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria
on Monday. It is inferred that pos-
sibly some confusion has arisen in re-
gard to the identity of the vessel tor-
pedoed.

If the report of the torpedoing of
the Communipaw is substantiated, she
must have discharged her cargo of oil
and have been on her way to another
port when attacked.

Company Gets Message.

New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from
Alexandria, Egypt, apparently confir-
matory of the report received by London
Lloyds that the oil tanker Communipaw
was safe was received today by the
Standard Oil offices here. This
message stated that the Communipaw
had reached Alexandria on Sunday
last and would sail for New York on
Tuesday (yesterday).

Five Are Americans.

News of the fate of the crew of the
American oil steamer Communipaw,
sunk by a submarine in the Mediter-
ranean is anxiously awaited today by
officials of the Standard Oil company,
the owner of the vessel. Of the 39
members of the ship's company, Cap-
tain Nordstrom and the four engineers
are Americans, according to David T.
Warden, manager of the Standard Oil
company's shipping department. Mr.
Warden says that other members of the
crew may be citizens of the United
States.

News dispatches from Rome that the
Communipaw was sunk near Tobruk,
Tripoli, said that no information had
been received there concerning the
crew. A dispatch from Athens re-
ceived in London said a Greek torpedo
boat which responded to an appeal for
help received Monday at Piraeus from
an American ship torpedoed by a sub-
marine, found only wreckage at the
scene of the attack.

The Communipaw, formerly named
the Deutschland, was a three masted
steel steamer. She left New York Oct.
27 for Alexandria, Egypt, but was de-
tained at Genoa by the Italian author-
ities until Dec. 2.

Dispatch from Captain.

The dispatch came from Captain
Nordstrom of the Communipaw and
was given out by David T. Warden,
manager of the foreign shipping de-
partment of the Standard Oil company
of New Jersey. "We are anxiously
awaiting word from our vessel the
Petrolite," said Mr. Warden, "but have
received no news except what we saw
in the papers."

Whether a mistake has been made
in reporting the Communipaw tor-
pedoed or whether she was torpedoed af-
ter leaving Alexandria on her home voy-
age, Standard Oil officials can only
conjecture.

Was Low Speed Boat.

The Communipaw could make only
nine knots an hour Mr. Warden said,
and, assuming she left Alexandria on
Tuesday, or even Monday, she could
not have gone 350 miles to a point
near Tobruk, Tripoli, off where the

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MRS. ELLA YOUNG
ENDS ACTIVE LIFE

Superintendent of Chicago Public
Schools Retires From Office for
First Time.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Ella Flagg
Young, who has been identified with
Chicago's public schools for 53 years
—the last six as superintendent at
\$10,000 a year—retired today. She is
71 years old.

Mrs. Young plans to leave immedi-
ately for southern California where
with Miss Laura Breton, who has
been her companion for years, she
will establish a home.

"I am going to take a rest," Mrs.
Young said, "and shall not look at a
newspaper for six months. After the
war is over I shall go to Europe."

ITALY IS PRAISED
BY ITS MINISTER

Signor Orlando Refutes Statement of
Pope That Members of Holy See
Have Been Mistreated.

Rome, Dec. 8, (8:50 p. m.)—The law
of guarantees (regulating the status of
the papacy in Rome) cannot be re-
garded as having resulted from negoti-
ations between Italy and the papacy,
but Italy nevertheless upholds it loy-
ally as one of the fundamental laws
of the state, without expecting any re-
turn from the papacy, said Signor
Orlando, minister of justice, in his re-
ply in the chamber of deputies to the
allocation of Pope Benedict. The min-
ister spoke with particular reference
to the statement of the pope that cer-
tain ambassadors and ministers ac-
credited to the Holy See had been ob-
liged to leave the Vatican in order to
preserve their dignity and the pre-
rogatives of their offices. Signor Or-
lando insisted that the ambassadors
and ministers to the Holy See who de-
parted when Italy entered the war did
so of their own free will, after they
had been assured they were at lib-
erty to remain without molestation or
interference with their prerogatives.

"If, however, they wish to make it
appear that they were forced to leave,
that is their affair," the minister con-
tinued. "It is greatly to the credit
of Italy that during this unprecedented
upheaval the papacy has been able to
maintain its prestige throughout the
world."

"Cardinals from belligerent coun-
tries, including Germany, have been
permitted to travel through Italy and
gather here for the consistory without
molestation. The same thing cannot
be said of other nations."

The chamber applauded this last re-
mark of the minister, which was in-
tended as a reference to the report that
Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium,
had refrained from coming to Rome
for the consistory on account of re-
strictions imposed by the German au-
thorities.

USED AX ON WIFE;
SCARED TO DEATH

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 8.—Crazed with
fear of punishment because he nearly
killed his wife Monday night with a
blow on the head with a hatchet, Wil-
liam Sweeney, 45, died of fright and
nervousness in the jail here today. He
faced a charge of murderous assault.
Mrs. Sweeney is expected to recover.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and vicinity.

Fair tonight and Thursday, slightly
colder tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 35. Highest
yesterday 41. Lowest last night 35.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 10 miles
per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 85, at
7 a. m. 62, at 1 p. m. today 47.

Stage of water 6.3, no change in last
24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

GERMANS RECORD
SIGNAL VICTORY
OVER THE FRENCH

Teutons Report Capture of Position on
Hill No. 193 in the Champagne
Region.

Berlin, Dec. 8, (via London, 3:05 p.
m.)—Capture of a French position
more than 500 yards in length on hill
No. 193 north of Soissons in the Cham-
pagne district, is announced by Ger-
man army headquarters today.

The official statement says:
"An attempt by the enemy to con-
test our success east of Auberville (in
the Champagne district) failed. In ad-
dition to the prisoners taken three ma-
chine guns fell into our hands."

"North of Soissons, a position on hill
No. 193, over a distance of about 500
metres, was wrested from the French.
Four counter attacks were repulsed.
One officer, 120 men and two machine
guns were captured."

"On the front of Field Marshal von
Hindenburg's forces, local attacks by
weak Russian divisions were repulsed."

Paris, Oct. 8.—The French official
statement follows: "In Belgium our
machine guns last night prevented the
enemy from reconstructing the field
works previously destroyed by us in
the region of Hetsus."

"To the north of Arras, at a point
west of hill No. 140, our fire put a
definite check to a German attack, the
way for which had been prepared by
the explosion of a mine."

"During the day of yesterday our
artillery bombarded and destroyed the
Sainturilla mill in the vicinity of Roye.
This position had been organized by
the enemy for defense."

"In the Champagne district we have
continued to make progress by means
of hand grenades in that front trench
where the enemy secured a footing
yesterday, south of St. Souplet. East
of Butte de Soissons our counter at-
tacks mastered the German attack
which yesterday evening had been cut
in two by us. The fighting here is
still going on for the recapture of the
position occupied by the enemy."

MASS MEETING IS
HELD ON OSCAR II

New York, Dec. 8.—Wireless advices
received today from the peace ship
Oscar II, signed by Henry Ford and
prepaid, tell of a mass meeting held on
board last night at which extracts of
the message of President Wilson to
congress were read.

Some discussion followed during
which Ellis O. Jones, a writer of New
York, referred to the message as "re-
actionary" and said it should not be
received in silence.

Twenty peace advocates constituting
the second contingent of the Ford ex-
pedition to The Hague will sail this
afternoon on the Scandinavian Ameri-
can line steamship Frederik VII for
Copenhagen. Most of the members of
the party were unable to make ar-
rangements to leave Saturday on the
Oscar II, carrying the main Ford ex-
pedition.

HUNGARIAN SEES
PEACE BLESSING

Former Premier Believes it a Human
Duty to End War as Soon as
Possible.

Amsterdam, Dec. 3, (via London,
7:40 a. m.)—A long speech delivered
by Count Julius Andrássy, former
premier of Hungary, at the latest
session of the Hungarian chamber,
dealt mainly with the possibility of
peace, according to a dispatch from
Budapest. This message quotes Count
Andrássy as follows:

"It is the human duty to make peace
at the earliest possible moment. I am
completely convinced that we shall be
able to conquer the most extreme re-
sistance of our enemies and continue
the war until our adversaries are
forced to ask for peace, but it will be
a blessing if it were possible to con-
clude peace before this last moment
comes."

"If, despite these considerations, I do
not now espouse definite action to-
wards peace, the reason is that I am
convinced the time is not yet ripe.
The fact that on the other side I do
not see any sign of a possibility of the
conclusion of peace at present, pre-
vents me from all actions toward
peace. Moreover, all signs demon-
strate that our adversaries have not
yet acknowledged the present result
of the war and they are doing every-
thing, in order, perhaps, yet to obtain
a change in the fortune of war. The
declarations of the French premier
and the speeches made in the house
of commons also offer in the present
circumstances little promise of an
early peace."

ST. LOUIS TO GET
DEMOCONVENTION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—St. Louis
is the place and June 14th the date of
the next democratic national conven-
tion.

This was decided on by the demo-
cratic national committee which had
completed its work today after placing
itself on record in favor of the renom-
ination and reelection of Woodrow Wil-
son as president. Complete harmony
characterized the proceedings.

St. Louis won over its rivals—Chi-
cago and Dallas—on the second ballot.
The vote stood St. Louis, 28; Chicago,
15, and Dallas, 9. Immediately after-
wards on motion of the Texas commit-
teemen, the choice was made unani-
mously. Speaker Clark led the fight for
St. Louis. He urged the city's claims
as necessary to keep Missouri in the
democratic column.

At the luncheon, President Wilson,
speaking briefly, told the committe-
men the democratic party should be in
good order for the 1916 campaign be-
cause it had carried out its pre-elec-
tion promises. Speaking, as he said,
"in the family," the president re-
viewed the acts of the administration
since it came into power. The commit-
teemen applauded him enthusiastically.
No other addresses were made.

The president, saying he did not
think it necessary to address the com-
mittee in parliamentary language, said
that "any one who thinks we can be-
lieve 'is talking through his hat.'"

TEUTS DRIVE
AGAINST THE
LAST OF FOE

Germans and Bulgars Con-
centrate in Onslaught
of Franco-British.

IN SOUTHEAST SERBIA

Corner of Invaded Land in
Possession Allies—Serbs
Driven Into Albania.

Berlin, Dec. 8, (via London, 3:08 p.
m.)—It was announced at the war of-
fice today that 80 cannon were taken
with the capture of the Montenegrin
town of Ipek.

The statement dealing with military
operations in the Balkans says:
"Near Ipek, 80 cannon and much
war material were captured. More
than 2,000 prisoners were captured
yesterday."

Berlin, Dec. 8, (via wireless to Say-
ville.)—The Bulgarian war office re-
ports, in a statement received in Ber-
lin today from Sofia, that the French
troops in southwestern Serbia are be-
ing pushed back farther along the Var-
dar river. This follows the announce-
ment yesterday that the French had
evacuated the Vardar salient. The Ser-
bians who have been attempting to
join the allied troops also are said to
have been forced back by the Bulgars,
who have captured Rosna, south-
western Serbia.

"Bulgarian troops continued to pur-
sue the retreating French along both
banks of the Vardar," the statement
says.

"Bulgarians occupied Besna, after
defeating the Serbians in the Bigla
mountains. Other Bulgarian troops
marched against Ochrida, northwest
of Resna."

"After a stubborn battle they de-
feated the Serbians near Medovo and
Miramoras. They are continuing the
advance against Ochrida."

"Other Bulgarian troops defeated the
Serbians in the Jama mountains and
occupied Dibra, near the Albanian bor-
der. They are continuing to pursue
the enemy in the direction of Stuga."

"The compilation of the amount of
booty abandoned by the Serbians in
Djakova and Kulatuma has not been
completed."

Heavy Fighting in Progress.

London, Dec. 8, (12:12 p. m.)—With
the Serbian armies in retreat behind
the Albanian and Montenegrin fron-
tiers, it is reported the bulk of the Ger-
man and Bulgarian armies is being
concentrated against the allied armies
holding the southeast corner of Ser-
bia. Heavy fighting has been in progress
there for the last few days.

There is no confirmation of hints
from various sources that the French
troops have been forced definitely to
abandon the positions held by them
since the beginning of the campaign.
The fall of Monastir and the south-
ward progress of German and Bulgarian
forces, however, have placed the
northern wing of the French expedi-
tion in a precarious situation, and
withdrawal from the angle formed by
the Vardar and Cerna rivers apparently
has begun.

Forces Are Arriving.

Constant arrival of fresh forces and
war materials at Saloniki give evidence
that the allies have no intention of
abandoning their efforts in this region.

Although the Germans have an-
nounced the capture of Ipek, Mont-
enegro, the pursuing Austrian and Bel-
gian armies evidently are confronted
with a harder task on the Montenegrin
frontier than elsewhere. The Mont-
negrins continue to offer spirited re-
sistance and to check the invaders
wherever possible by sharp counter
attacks. In Albania the Serbians, who
had been compelled to leave behind
quantities of war materials, appear in-
capable of organized resistance. Even
an orderly retreat is made difficult, as
the Serbians are encumbered with
large numbers of civilians and pris-
oners, and according to some reports
have been set upon by Albanians.

The latest dispatches state that the
French are bringing heavy guns into
action in the Strumitsa section, caus-
ing the Bulgarians to retire with heavy
losses. A battle of large proportions
between the Bulgarian and Franco-
British troops appears to be pending.

DUNNE INVITES THE
PRESIDENT TO TALK

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Governor
Dunne of Illinois and Secretary of
State Stevenson of the same state in-
vited President Wilson today to speak
at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln at
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12. The presi-
dent said he would accept if his en-
gagements permitted.

Chicago Has
Second Baby
A Defective

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—A baby girl,
pronounced hopelessly defective, as
was the Bollinger baby, was permitted
to die in a Chicago hospital, it be-
came known today because surgeons
declined to operate to save its life.

The child was Grace Werder. The
father, Julius Werder, refused to con-
sent to the operation that, it is sup-
posed, would have saved her life. In
agreement with Dr. Jacob Faltermay-
er, the attending physician, as to the
medical problem, were Dr. Clarence
Rutherford and Dr. Harry J. Halse-
den, the surgeon who, a few weeks
ago, declined to operate on the de-
fective Bollinger baby.

The defective baby, according to of-
ficial hospital records, was found to
have a hydrocephalic head, with
water tumors, and paralysis of the
lower extremities. It would have
been an imbecile, if it had lived, the
surgeons declared.

Although she had never seen her
baby, the mother agreed with the
physicians that the child was better
off dead. There is a striking similar-
ity between the case of the Werder
baby and that of the Bollingers. The
Bollinger baby was the fourth child of
Mrs. Bollinger and Grace Werder was
the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Werder. The Werders' three living
daughters are healthy and strong.

PAPER COMMENTS
ON WILSON TALK

London, Dec. 8, (1:37 p. m.)—Ex-
pressing the view that President Wil-
son's denunciation in his message of
the activities of war plotters was too
mild in general and not sufficiently dis-
criminatory between unneutral con-
duct and criminal conduct, the Pall
Mall Gazette says:

"He even goes so far as to suggest
that the acts of an assassin or a dyna-
miter are chiefly heinous as exhibi-
tions of unneutral conduct and that
equal censure must fall on every
American who fails to keep the scales
of judgment even and proves himself
a partisan of no nation but his own."

OTTUMWA LUMBER
COMPANY ROBBED

Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 8.—The safe in
the office of the Hutchison Lumber
company at Agency, near here, was
opened early today and three checks,
aggregating \$859, taken and the safe
closed again. Two general stores
were also entered and small amounts
of change taken from the cash draw-
ers at each place. Sheriff C. C. Cre-
mer has been working on the case and
is looking for a stranger to the towns-
people who hired a farmer lad to
drive him two miles to Chilfand,
where he boarded a train this morn-
ing.

PREMIER ASQUITH
TALKS OF PEACE

London, Dec. 8, (3:44 p. m.)—"If
a proposal of a serious character for
a general peace are put forward by
the enemy governments either direct-
ly or through a neutral power they
will first be discussed by the allied
governments. Until this contingency
arises I cannot give any further
pledge."

The foregoing was premier Asquith's
reply made in the house of commons
today to the request of Philip Snow-
den, socialist, for a pledge that no
proposals for negotiations based on
the evacuation of conquered territory
shall be rejected by the British gov-
ernment without the knowledge of parliament.

KING OF SUN CULT
SENT TO PRISON

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Ottoman Ser-
Adusht Hanish, head of the Mazdaz-
nan cult of sun worshippers, was taken
to the house of correction today to
serve a sentence of six months' im-
prisonment for sending obscene mat-
ter through interstate commerce. His ap-
peal from the sentence was recently
denied by the United States supreme
court.

The specific offense charged against
the cult leader was that he sent a
book, entitled "Inner Studies," and in-
tended for his followers, to a young
woman in Brookfield, Mo.

REDFIELD IN
FAVOR RIVER
AND HARBORS

Secretary of Commerce De-
clares Greater System Is
Need in United States.

POINTS AT WATERWAYS

Sees Future in Their Devel-
opment—Room for Both
Them and Railroads.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Govern-
or Dunne of Illinois is among those
who will address the National Rivers
and Harbors Congress which opened
its twelfth annual convention here to-
day. Secretary of Commerce William
C. Redfield made the opening address.
The annual report of Senator Rus-
sell of Louisiana, president of the con-
gress was read at the morning ses-
sion.

Secretary Redfield urged a greater
transportation system for the United
States, pointing out that one way to
achieve that object was to extend the
waterways of the country.

Referring to the use of the word
"pork" in connection with the devel-
opment of waterways Mr. Redfield de-
clared, "we in America will have our
little laugh, no matter what develop-
ment it holds back."

He said he did not think the word
"pork" was used with justice. Single
individuals might make a mistake, he
said, but he declared "pork must be
disassociated with the rivers and harbors
cause before that cause can win."

The secretary told the congress he
did not believe there need be any an-
tagonism between railroads and wa-
terways for, he said, each had its place.

Advocate Harbor Defenses.

A fixed policy in maintenance of har-
bor defenses under which at least four
per cent of the older battery emplace-
ments would be replaced annually is
advocated in the annual report of the
chief engineers of the army, submit-
ted to congress with the report of the
secretary of war and made public to-
day. It is pointed out that only 10 per
cent of the present harbor defense pro-
jects have been rebuilt since 1909.

While no mention is made of the \$80-
000,000 four-year program urged by
the administration for improvement of
the coast defenses, the report esti-
mates that \$5,369,260 will be needed
during the coming year for necessary
work on present or projected coast
fortifications in continental United
States and \$282,000 for those in insu-
lar possessions.

ETCHISON MAKES
NOT GUILTY PLEA

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—Charles
D. Etchison, a traveling salesman of
Washington, D. C., pleaded not guilty
in district court to an indictment
charging him jointly with Frederick
T. Price with the murder of the lat-
ter's wife more than a year ago. No
date was set for his trial.

Price again today denounced as a
falsehood Etchison's sworn confes-
sion that for \$4,700 he had gone with
Price to a point on the East River road
where he charged Price had pushed
his wife, a member of a well known
family, over a steep embankment and
caused her death in order to inherit
a large sum of money. "I will issue a
statement within the next few days
that will disprove Etchison's story,"
said Price. "I will show just how
much of a saint Etchison really is."

Implement Dealers Meet.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 8.—The 16th annual
convention of the Illinois Implement
and Vehicle Dealers' association con-
vened here today. Two hundred dele-
gates are in attendance. An address
by the president, W. P. Morris, Deca-
tur, featured the morning session.
Officers will be elected at the closing
session Thursday.

REPUBLICANS TO
SUPPORT WILSON

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Gal-
linger, republican leader, told Presi-
dent Wilson today that republicans
want the army and navy strengthened
and are willing to cooperate with the
democrats. Later Mr. Gallinger said
President Wilson had told him he
would not approve of the democratic
caucus making the defense plans a
party measure.